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Applicants: Frank B. Dean and A. Fawad Faruqi

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For: *METHOD FOR REDUCING ARTIFACTS IN NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION*

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Applicants enclose the following for filing in the above-identified application:

1. Declaration of Inventorship executed by Frank B. Dean and A. Fawad Faruqi;
2. Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(f) and 1.27(c) --- Small Business Concern) executed by Molecular Staging, Inc.;
3. Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) executed by Molecular Staging, Inc., with attached copy of the executed Assignment from Frank B. Dean and A. Fawad Faruqi to Molecular Staging, Inc.; and
4. Check in the amount of \$65.00 for the small entity surcharge for late filing the Declaration of Inventorship.

Applicants respectfully request a 50% refund of the \$1,854.00 filing fee in the application, a total of \$927.00, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.28.

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Please charge any other fees due, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this matter to Deposit Account No. 01-2507. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed to facilitate this process.

Respectfully submitted,



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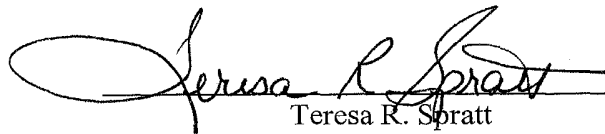
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that this Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application and Request for Refund, together with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to Box Missing Parts, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

  
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